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Amdt. Dated: 6/15/2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraph [0023] has been amended to correct minor editorial errors. The new paragraph [0021.1] has been added to separate the brief description of Figure 4 from that of Figure 3. Paragraphs [0016], [0017], [0021], [0024], [0025], [0026] and [0029] have been amended to remove objectionable language per the Examiner's suggestions. Paragraph [0028] has been amended to clarify and provide support for Claims 10 and 20.

In the amended Figure 3, previously incorrectly labeled top-most numbers "32" have been corrected to numbers "33".

Claims 1 – 20, all of the original claims, remain in this case. Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 8, 10 – 14, 16 – 18, and 20 have been amended to remove objectionable language per the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 1, 5, and 9 were objected to by the Examiner for minor informalities. These minor informalities have now been corrected in each case. In light of these minor informalities being corrected by the amendments hereinabove the Examiner's objections are now moot. The Examiner has acknowledged allowability of said claims upon correcting said minor informalities and a notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 – 4, 7 – 8, 10 – 11, 13 – 15, and 17 – 20 have been acknowledged by the Examiner to be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as set forth in the Examiner's action dated 04/27/2004. By this amendment those rejections have been overcome and a notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 6, 12, and 16 have been acknowledged by the Examiner to be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs as set forth in the Examiner's action dated 04/27/2004. By this amendment those rejections have been overcome and a notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

A telephonic interview initiated by the Examiner was conducted on 04/22/2004 with this attorney. The claims discussed were 1, 7 – 8, 11, and 17 – 18. There was no prior art discussed during the interview. The substance of the interview was the Examiner's request for the meaning of the term "IP retainer" used throughout the specification and claims. This attorney explained that "IP retainer" was a well-known

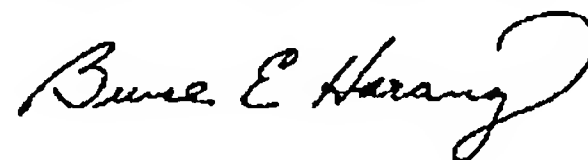
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term in the art meaning "instrument panel retainer". This attorney agreed to replace all instances of "IP retainer" with "instrument panel retainer". Nothing else was discussed during the interview. The Examiner's Interview Summary sheet is complete and accurate as provided to this attorney.

The Applicant acknowledges the prior art made of record and considered pertinent, but not relied on as a basis of rejection by the Examiner. Because said prior art was not used as a basis of rejection Applicant makes no further comment thereon.

In view of the remarks herein, and the amendments hereto, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: replacement drawing sheet and an annotated drawing sheet showing changes.